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From: Opalski, Dan
Sent: Wed 5/4/2016 1:32:11 PM
Subject: Re: Deschutes TMDL Coordination Update

Chris -- Sorry again for my part in making the scheduling difficult. Let's try to get together for a brief conversation today or tomorrow. Thx.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 3, 2016, at 4:41 PM, Zell, Christopher <zell.christopher@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Dan,

Dave thought it might make sense for me to briefly summarize the status of the Deschutes TMDL for you. Please see below for a short bulleted list. Perhaps we can chat briefly upon your return?

- Ecology submitted the final TMDL for our review on December 17, 2015
- Approvability concerns present in the draft TMDL persisted into the final TMDL - in addition to emerging NNC matters.
- Dave has communicated potential approvability hurdles with Melissa – a meeting with Ecology may be scheduled in the coming weeks to discuss.
- The Squaxin Island Tribe (SIT) has expressed significant concerns with the TMDL in the past. Such concerns have been reiterated and emphasized during my recent conversation with Erica Marbet, SIT's technical representative.
- We have been trying to schedule a Tribal Consultation with SIT since early-April. Given your annual leave in mid-July, the next available dates that everyone seems to be available are: August 9, 10, and 11. SIT would like to have the meeting in Lacey and have Ecology attend (5 Ecology reps, including Heather).
- Given potential approvability items, does it make sense for us to reschedule the meeting with SIT...or perhaps postpone it until we work through uncertainties with Ecology? What are our other options / pathways you would like to explore?

Dave or Laurie, please chime in if I missed anything.

Respectfully,

Chris